



News and Views

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Welcome New Institooters!!

On Sunday, the Tennessee Public Library Management Institute welcomed the third group of "Institooters" to the campus of Austin Peay State University. The Class of 2005 spent the day settling into dorm rooms and then attended a welcome dinner hosted by Assistant State Librarian for Planning and Development Jane Pinkston and Tennessee State Librarian and Archivist Dr. Edwin Gleaves. Over the next week, the "Institooters" will attend training sessions and participate in several activities that will strengthen their management skills and

knowledge. It looks to be an exciting week ahead with plenty of events scheduled for the students to "toot" their horns in anticipation and appreciation!

Dr. Gleaves Opens Institute with Words of Encouragement

During Sunday's opening banquet, State Librarian and Archivist Dr. Edwin Gleaves sent words of encouragement to the "Institooters". Dr. Gleaves emphasized the importance of public libraries and explained how the public library system in Tennessee has continually grown. For example, the number of libraries in the state of Tennessee has grown from 25 in the 1930's to over 300 today.

The use of the Internet and other electronic sources has caused numerous changes in the way public libraries serve the public. Through projects such as the Gates Foundation Grant Program and the Tennessee Electronic Library, public libraries in Tennessee have become better equipped to serve even more patrons in the community. Dr. Gleaves believes these important changes are "leveling the playing field between small town and big city".

Dr. Gleaves shared some interesting facts with the "Institooters" regarding the public library service they provide.

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To summarize:

There are 38 participants at this year's Public Library Management Institute from 36 main and branch libraries. These 36 libraries serve a population of 728,557 with 280,382 registered borrowers. Attendance was almost 2 million with 3,087,521 items circulated from collections totaling over 1.5 million. The libraries administer budgets of more than \$4.9 million collectively. There has also been a great increase in electronic services and use in the public libraries. The electronic usage for these 36 libraries is about 4,815 users per week, or over 250,000 a year.

Dr. Gleaves concluded his remarks by pointing out the various parts of the state that are represented by this year's Institute. He also ensured the group that the experiences and knowledge gained through the Institute will increase their ability to continually provide better service to patrons in a constantly changing world.

Important Names to Remember

Here is a list of people to remember if you have questions or concerns during the Public Library Management Institute while on campus:

Jane Pinkston – Questions regarding speakers, workshop activities, and assignments during the week; questions concerning certification requirements for the next three years.

Shelley Fugitt – Questions regarding daily meals, Thursday's party, and Friday's banquet; turning in of interview biographies, quotable quotes, and other

items for the newsletter; coordination of photos from the Institute; any other "house keeping" questions that may arise during the week.

Useful Links to Library Associations and Organizations

Librarianship is supported by many associations and organizations that help encourage library use and involvement within the community. Later on in the week, students will learn more about library advocacy. Listed below are a few of the most influential organizations on federal, state, and local levels that are vital to the success of our libraries. Please visit these sites to learn more about these wonderful organizations.

1. American Library Association
www.ala.org
2. Tennessee Library Association
<http://toltec.lib.utk.edu/~tla/>
3. Public Library Association
www.pla.org
4. Friends of Tennessee Libraries
www.friendstnlib.org
5. TENN-SHARE
<http://toltec.lib.utk.edu/~tennshare/>



Jane Pinkston would like to express her thanks to the Planning and

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Development staff at the Tennessee State Library and Archives for all of their hard work in preparation for the Public Library Management Institute. Individual contributions include:

Norma Ochoa – Preparation of notebooks, gathering supplies, preparation of nametags and door signs, etc, etc, etc.

Jack Stacy – Signage, set-up, airport transportation, etc.

Nancy Weatherman – Advance coordination of meals and food service.

Shelley Fugitt – Newsletter, photos, printing, running interference, etc.

Lisa Tinch (on loan from Information Systems)– Coordination of computers and set-up.

Thanks to all for your excellent work!

A LITTLE HUMOUR...



CHICKENS IN LIBRARIES?

A chicken walks into the library. It goes up to the circulation desk and says: "book, bok, bok, boook".

The librarian hands the chicken a book. It tucks it under his wing and runs out. A while later, the chicken runs back in, throws the first book into the return bin and goes back to the librarian saying: "book, bok, bok, bok, boook". Again the librarian gives it a book, and the chicken runs out. The librarian shakes her head.

Within a few minutes, the chicken is back, returns the book and starts all over again: "boook, book, bok bok boook". The librarian gives him yet a third book, but this time as the chicken is running out the door, she follows it.

The chicken runs down the street, through the park and down to the riverbank. There, sitting on a lily pad is a big, green frog. The chicken holds up the book and shows it to the frog, saying: "Book, bok, bok, boook". The frog blinks, and croaks: "read-it, read-it, read-it".

HOW MANY LIBRARY MANAGERS
DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A
LIGHTBULB?

AT LEAST ONE COMMITTEE AND A
LIGHT BULB STRATEGY FOCUS MEETING
AND PLAN

**Q: What happens when you cross
a librarian and a lawyer?**

*A: You get all the information you want,
but you can't understand it.*

Jokes originated from the International Federation
of Library Associations and Institutions at
www.ifla.org/l/humour/humour.htm .

Picture originated from
<http://news.bookweb.org/freeexpression/1207.html>

